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APPLICATION OF CLEARWATER	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INVESTMENTS LLC AND KNOB HILL	§	
WATER SYSTEM FOR SALE,	§	
TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF	§	OF TEXAS
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE	§	
RIGHTS IN DENTON COUNTY	§	

**COMMISSION STAFF'S SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY
OF NOTICE AND PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

On May 26, 2022, Clearwater Investments, LLC (Clearwater) and Knob Hill Water System (Knob Hill) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for the sale and transfer of facilities and certificate rights in Denton County under the provisions of Texas Water Code § 13.301 and 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.239. The Applicants filed supplemental information on June 15, 2022, August 8, 2022, December 2, 2022, January 27, 2023, and June 13, 2023.

On May 31, 2023, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 12, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a supplemental recommendation on sufficiency of notice for continued processing of the application by July 17, 2023. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE

Staff has reviewed the supplemental proof of notice provided by Clearwater on July 14, 2023 and recommends that notice is sufficient. Specifically, Clearwater provided an affidavit of notice signed by Karen Long DeSmit, Owner of Knob Hill, attesting that there are no owners of tracts of land that are at least twenty-five acres that are wholly or partially included in the area proposed to be certified. As such, Staff therefore recommends that the supplemental notice provided by Clearwater be deemed sufficient for further processing of this matter.

II. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff recommends that the supplemental notice provided by Clearwater be deemed sufficient. Therefore, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date
Supplemental Notice complete	July 14, 2023
Deadline for Staff and Undine to file a joint motion to admit evidence and proposed order approving the sale and allowing the transaction to proceed	July 21, 2023

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff respectfully recommends that Clearwater's supplemental proof of notice be found sufficient and that the proposed procedural scheduled be adopted for consideration.

Dated: July 17, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on July 17, 2023, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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